

ARMY DRIVEN BACK

DEFEATED BY FEDERALS IN

THE FIGHTING AT CONEJOS

Gen. Aubert, of the Federals, Is Wounded—Rebels Fall Back to Rellano, Outgeneraled and Outfought, the

Claims He Has Not Lost Much Advantage And Is Ready to Meet Federals Again.

Hellano, Chihuahua, Mex., May 13.—Defeated in their attempt to take the city of Torreon, gateway to Mexico City from Chihuahua, the state which they control, the rebels have retreated to Hellano, 57 miles north of Conchos and 71 miles north of Peralta, which point (42 miles north of Torreon) they reached before their advance was checked by the federals.

Driven back 14 miles—from Peralta to Conchos—during the fighting that lasted almost continuously from Thursday evening until Sunday night, the rebels, badly outnumbered, and outfought, in retreating to Hellano last night, burned the railroad bridges behind them to prevent the federals following them up.

Five bridges spanning wide arroyos were destroyed by the insurgents, enacting the delay to government troop trains.

No fighting was expected today, as both sides were occupied with their dead and wounded from yesterday's engagement.

During the fighting Sunday, both sides lost heavily and the rebels left many of their cannons on the field. Gen. Campos and Argumedo, who were sent on a flanking expedition Sunday morning, failed to show up with the retreating column last night and the rebels fear that these commands had been annihilated or captured.

BIGGEST BATTLE TO DATE.

The fighting at Conchos and Peralta was the biggest battle of the present revolution and had been generally looked forward to as the turning point of the revolution. It was considered by many that if the rebels did not take the city of Torreon, they would be forced to surrender. In crushing the federals

At that point, the march to Mexico City would continue. The reason of the retreat from Concepcion to a point such a great distance as Reilano is explained by the fact that all intervening country is desert and the already half-starved rebels, without food or water, could make no stand against such odds.

The loss in the battle Sunday was heavy, more so for the rebels, according to the best information, than to the federals, though so far as known, only one of the prominent officers of either contending side was even wounded. The federals had many junior officers shot. Gen. Trucy Aubert, commanding one of the federal divisions, was wounded. Gen. Aubert arrived on the scene Sunday, after whipping and almost annihilating the rebel command of Gen. Yuse Salazar near Monclova last week. He had followed the retreating rebels to Concepcion and joined the forces of Gen. Huerta in Sunday's fighting, again opposing some of Salazar's men who escaped from the carnage of the Monclova-Castro Alzaguera campaign.

THE HALT AT REILANO.

Reilano this morning is the new field headquarters of the rebel army. The federals occupy the positions at Concepcion, but the pursuit of the retreating Liberals appears to have ceased. A small garrison has been left at Escobedo. Heavy guns and thousands of men guard the hills at Reilano, a locality whose position makes it almost impossible to take.

Fighting yesterday resulted in only insignificant losses on the field, according to Gen. Orozco, who does not regard the retreat of his army as a defeat. Insisting it was ordered for strategic purposes.

OROZCO ORDERED THE RETREAT.

Gen. Orozco, who was at Concepcion, gave the order to a portion of his army

to full back and he himself retired to Jimenez last night. It is probable the federals may break through and pursue the rebels along the route of the

railway, but such movement would leave Mapine and even Turreon ill-
weekened in case of flank attacks by the heavy columns that Orozco has
used to protect his center. Gen. Orozco expects to return to the south at
once.

THE SUNDAY FIGHT.

The federalists moved northward past Personal in nine trains. In sight of
the rebels they detoured and took positions. The federal cannon were
placed Sunday on low lying hills and on the flat. The artillery of the rebels
occupied positions on a higher hill near Conejos. For the greater part of
the day the battle was a duel of the heavy guns, but the shells of the govern-
ment forces did little damage in the ranks of the rebels, according to
rebel reports.

REBELS NOT DEMORALIZED.

The rebel forces appear undemoralized and the officers are confident of
ultimate success. It has long been their intention of inducing the federalists
to abandon their base and meet them in the open.

Gen. Salazar has been directing the fighting and his last reports sent to
Gen. Orozco were that he was not worried by the fire of the enemy.

Federal Report Of Battle

At the federal front, Conejos, Mex., May 12.—The steady artillery fire of
the government troops after 12 hours
of brisk fighting on the desert plains,
800 miles south of the American border
between a force of 5000 rebels under
Gen. Orozco and an equally strong
body of federals under Gen. Huerta re-
sulted Sunday in a decided advantage
to the government.

The fighting began at daybreak and
at nightfall the same areas between
here and Yermo, 14 miles north, where
the insurgents were gradually forced
off their retreat. Federal officials be-
lieved last night that the rebels were
completely surrounded and that the
second day of fighting will prove
equally decisive.

This town, Saturday occupied by the
vanguard of the rebels, was riddled
with bullets when the federals galloped
into it at sunset Sunday. Over the foot-
hills to the north the insurgents could
be seen retreating.

Elceres Sun Causes Suffering.

During the fighting Sunday, the sun
beat fiercely on the plains, but the air
was clear. The aim of the federal gun-
ners was true. They began to shell the

Nearly 500 are believed to have been

killed and wounded on both sides. A
 courier brought the information that
 Gen. Tracy Aubert, the dashing federal
 commander, had been shot in the leg.
Rebels Abandon 10 Cannon.
 The rebels abandoned 10 cannon and
 much ammunition in their retreat.
 Gen. Joaquin Tellez, who had been
 stationed in the rear of Huerta's
 vanguard, was ordered to lead the
 rearward to flank the rebels and cut
 off their retreat.
 Including Gen. Tracy Aubert. Only a
 few hours, however, they withstood
 the fierce cannonading and began to
 evacuate their positions.
 Gen. Tellez arrived at nightfall with
 a detachment of 1500 men in the valley
 behind Conchos, where the vanguard of
 rebels gathered. It seemed likely last
 night that unless the rebels continue
 to retreat, they will be surrounded.
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Stems, N. M., May 7, 1912.

I have read in The Herald, L. H. Davis's article on the El Oro Mining camp, near Steins, also his previous ones on Lordsburg and Apache Box, and I am pleased to note your efforts to encourage and promote the dissemination of mining news in the Southwest. I hope and believe if you will keep up the liek, as a feature in your paper it will attract the attention of capitalists to the Southwest, and ought to materially increase the circulation of The Herald.

Please send me 20 copies of the El Oro write up, with bill for same.

Yours truly,
D. L. Creswell.